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SUBJECT: FONMIN VIGNES SAYS MRS. PERON WILL NOT TRAVEL

REF: BA-3625

1. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW MAY 27, FONMIN VIGNES STATED THAT MRS. PERON DOES NOT HAVE ANY PLANS TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA IN 1975. A FEW HOURS AFTER THE INTERVIEW, THE FONMIN MADE THE SAME ASSERTION TO THE US CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

2. VIGNES' INSISTENCE THAT MRS. PERON DOES NOT PLAN TO TRAVEL IN 1975 DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS PREVIOUS ASSERTIONS OF OTHER FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT SHE WILL (SEE REFTEL). VIGNES' DEMURALS NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MRS. PERON DID INDEED INTEND TO TRAVEL AT LEAST TO URUGUAY AND CHILE AND PROBABLY TO OTHER LA STATES AS WELL. WHETHER VIGNES' DENIALS REPRESENT SIMPLY AN EFFORT TO DISGUISE HER PLANS UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT, OR SUGGEST THAT SHE HAS IN

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FACT CHANGED PLANS AND WILL NOT TRAVEL REMAINS

TO BE SEEN.

3. THAT MRS. PERON HAS NOW ARRANGED THINGS
SO THAT RAUL LASTIRI, A MEMBER OF THE "INNER FAMILY,"
CAN TAKE OVER AS PRESIDENT IN HER ABSENCE WOULD SEEM
TO REMOVE THE INHIBITIONS AGAINST FOREIGN TRAVEL
SHE EVIDENCED EARLIER--I.E. WHEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
NECESSARY TO TURN POWER OVER TO A NON-PERONIST, JOSE
ANTONIO ALLENDE, THE THEN-PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF
THE SENATE.
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